

looked at, they have signed petitions a couple different times, anyway, on, they have had at least one on the ballot, have not been straight up issues. They have been clouded as well with other issues, everything from who is in charge of them and who is running them to what form they took and all kinds of other opposition that much of it I would argue was created in a back room somewhere where a few different editorials have been written as well. But, anyway, the issue here is what form should this take? Senator Smith, I think, offers the...probably the single issue that drives people wild when we talk about lottery, for some reason in this state, and that's video lottery. Yeah, we want to continue to, I guess, plow the field with a horse instead of using a tractor once we're in this area of enterprise. We don't want to move into the twenty-first century and that's what this amendment recognizes, that you don't want to advance, I guess, along with what the industry will bear. By opposing Senator Smith's amendment, you don't...you don't endorse video lottery, you just don't wipe it out altogether. This isn't the only way the lottery is going to run. I would argue, I guess prophesies a little bit that you're going to be looking at telephonic lotteries within the next five to 10 years, if not sooner. You're going to be able to buy your lottery tickets over the phone. You can already pay your bills that way. It's just a matter of time before that next step comes into play. Should you outlaw this? I guess you better think about the amendment at some point in time to the Constitution that says you can't gamble by telephone as well. We currently don't allow it with sports betting but, as others have pointed out, I would be willing to bet that that happens.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: I, again, would urge you not to support Senator Smith's amendment. I think she offers it in good faith but I would again consider it to be bad policy to present to the voters in the form of a constitutional amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Before we proceed any further, I would like to introduce two guests of Senator Schimek. They are Mr. and Mrs. Roland Rebman from L.A., California. That's her...Senator Schimek's aunt and uncle. And they're under the north balcony. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for visiting us. The next speaker is Senator Hartnett.